

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Boyd on 06-09-2010.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Please replacing the abstract with the new abstract below

#### **Abstract**

--The invention relates to a process for the formation of a coating of metal oxides comprising at least one precious metal from Group VIII of the Periodic Table of the elements, optionally in combination with titanium and/or zirconium, on an electrically conductive substrate made of steel or of iron, which consists in applying a sole solution of acetylacetonate(s) of the said metal(s) dissolved in a (plurality of) solvent(s) which specifically dissolve(s) each metal acetylacetonate; and in then drying and calcining the coated substrate. The invention also relates to an activated cathode obtained from the electrically conductive substrate coated with metal oxides and to its use in the electrolysis of aqueous solutions of alkali metal chlorides. --

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-9, 13, 21-24 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The reasons for allowance were discussed in previous office action.
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BINH X. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-1469. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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